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Safety update for Ferndale Middle School and Ferndale High School

Dear FMS and FHS students, families and staff,

We know many of you have heard about the threatening messages found in a student restroom at Ferndale Middle School, and that this news has reached both schools on our shared campus. I want to give you an update on what the district is doing.

The investigation is ongoing. School administration and the Ferndale Police Department are working together to identify the person responsible. That work includes reviewing security camera footage and speaking with students and staff.

Safety measures are increasing. Families and students will see more Ferndale police officers and security staff on campus, along with more adult supervision and restroom checks at both schools. District leaders are meeting with the Ferndale Police Department this week to put additional safety measures in place, including on the date referenced in the message. We will share those specific measures with you before that day.

Attendance. School will be open on its regular schedule, with the additional safety measures described above, and we encourage students to attend. We also understand that some families may be worried. If you decide to keep your child home that day, please call the attendance line as you normally would, and the absence will be excused. No tests or major assignments will be scheduled that day, and students will have time to make up any missed work.

How you can help. If you see or hear something concerning, tell a trusted adult right away or report it anonymously to OK2SAY (855-565-2729, or text 652729). Please don't share rumors or screenshots online. Counselors at both schools are available to any student who wants to talk.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Thank you for your trust and partnership.

Sincerely,

Camille Hibbler
Superintendent, Ferndale Public Schools